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Chief Executive Officer

September 4, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS - TRAFFIC SIGNALS
BALDWIN PARK, CARSON, HACIENDA HEIGHTS,
TORRANCE, AND WEST COVINA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. TSM0010163 - Vincent Avenue, et al., modification of traffic signals, vicinities of Baldwin Park, Hacienda Heights, and West Covina (1, 4, and 5), to Christopher R. Morales, Inc., in amount of \$1,195,489.00.
- Project ID No. TSM0010165 - Anita Street, et al., synchronization of traffic signals, vicinities of Carson and Torrance (2 and 4), to Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc., in amount of \$2,065,983.30.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain Board approval to award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

See attachments as follows for each project. The attachments include the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also attached.

- Project ID No. TSM0010163 - sheets 1A and 1B
- Project ID No. TSM0010165 - sheets 2A and 2B

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The attachment for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Department of Public Works Budget. The attachment for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

The Department of Public Works has also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on their projects. Under this program, notices of upcoming bids are placed in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Department of Public Works. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. They also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with the Department of Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. The Department of Public Works will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the attachment for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

The Department of Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works,
Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF' followed by a stylized flourish.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
September 4, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010163, VINCENT AVENUE, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Baldwin Park, Hacienda Heights, and West Covina), Supervisorial District 1, 4, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Traffic signal modification.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 12, 2007 (Agenda No. 70)

BID OPENING DATE: July 10, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Christopher R. Morales, Inc., a corporation 15100 East Nelson Avenue Industry, California 91744 (626) 968-3771	\$1,195,489.00
2	*Pro Tech Engineering Corporation	\$1,206,818.25
3	CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$1,254,350.40
4	Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc.	\$1,292,966.50
5	*C. T. & F., Inc.	\$1,324,787.55
6	*High Light Electric, Inc.	\$1,394,010.90
7	M S L Electric	\$1,399,035.00
8	Terno, Inc.	\$1,401,814.00
9	KDC, Inc.	\$1,434,900.00
10	*Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$1,497,726.00
11	*Comet Electric, Inc.	\$1,696,730.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,425,102.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,195,489.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 229,613.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent below the estimate.

This project is financed with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 1999 Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the San Gabriel Valley Forum Improvement project, and County matching funds. This project will be done at no cost to the cities involved. Funding for construction is included in Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

Christopher R. Morales, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers for this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On June 12, 2007, Agenda No. 70, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days.

It is estimated the work will start in December 2007 and be completed in March 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
September 4, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010165, ANITA STREET, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Carson and Torrance), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Synchronization of Traffic Signals.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 19, 2007 (Agenda No. 96)

BID OPENING DATE: July 17, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc., a corporation 371 Bel Marin Keys Boulevard, Suite 200 Novato, California 94949 (415) 884-3000	\$2,065,983.30
2	MSL Electric, Inc.	\$2,120,246.95
3	Terno, Inc.	\$2,254,084.00
4	Dynalectric	\$2,269,900.00
5	*Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$2,291,433.00
6	CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$2,381,849.45
7	J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.	\$2,577,500.00
8	*Comet Electric, Inc.	\$2,604,058.00

*MWBE

High-Light Electric, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$2,076,587.30; however their bid failed to include a fully executed bid bond. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,533,880.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$2,065,983.30
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 467,897.20

The amount of the recommended contract is 18 percent below the estimate.

This project is financed with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 1999 Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the South Bay Forum Improvement projects and County matching funds. This project will be done at no cost to the cities involved. Funding for construction is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 4.8 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On June 19, 2007, Agenda No. 96, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 140 working days; however, an additional 120 calendar days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. It is estimated the work will start in December 2007 and be completed in June 2008.

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